Gas Leakage

*7. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there have been increas ing number of cases of leakage of noxious gases and liquids and that over 2,200 people have died and another 7,500 have been affected in 14 different places during this year;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to initiate to control such incidents;

(c) whether Government have a cohesive industry-environment policy so that India can enter the 21st century with a clean environment;

(d) what action Government pro-pose, stricdy and honestly, to take to enforce existing laws in this regard; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to root out unauthorised noxious industries from thickly populated area?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) The major case of gas leakage during the last one year period was the un-precedented Gas Leakages Disaster at Bhopal, which had occurred in December, 1984, resulting in the death of at least 1754 persons and affecting over 3 lakh persons. Subsequent thereto, while reportedly there has been no major incidents, some cases of leakages at a few other places have been reported.

(b) Government had advised all State Governments to set up Task Force/Expert Groups to survey the existing industrial units to identify hazardous units and suggest measures of better safety conditions. Government of India have also set up an inter-Ministerial Group to consider and review the measures required for control of hazards in chemical units. This group has further set up six Expert Teams to survey selected units manufacturing chemicals, petroche-micals and drugs to make specific recommendations for controlling haz-ards and suggesting measures to improve the overall safety.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) and (e) All State Governments have been advised to strictly enforce the existing laws in this regard.

Concept of 'No Industry District'

*8. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA :

SHRIDHARAM CHAND-ER PRASHANT :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to change the present "No Industry District' concept to 'No Industry Taluka' ; and

(b) how many 'No Industry Districts' are there at present in Maharashtra, Andhra, Karnataka and Kerala and how many are there in Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Suggestions have been received from various State Governments that block/taluka should be taken into consideration for determining backwardness of an area instead of a district. Government have, therefore, constituted an Inter-Ministerial Com-mittee to review and revise the Central Incentive Scheme for industrial dispersal and development of backward areas. A decision in this regard will be taken after re- ceipt of the report of the Com- I mittee.

(b) There is on 'No Industry District* each in Maharashtra and Karnataka, two in Kerala and n in Uttar Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh does not have any 'No Industry District'.

Increase of Commission on Petrol, Diesel and Oil Products

*9. SHRI DHARAM CHAND-ER PRASHANT :

SHRI KISHOR MEHTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to increase the dealers' commission on petrol, diesel and oil products ;

(b) what was the percentage of such commission to the cost of production of the items mentioned in part (a) above in i960 and what is it at present ; and

(c) whether any committee is considering the matter and if so, by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement in laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

1. The percentage of commission to the ex-storage price of the following petroleum products in 1960 was as follows :

(1) Petrol ... 8-13%

(a) Diesel . 3-96%

(3) Kerosene Oil . . . 3'55%

2. The percentage of the present commission, to the ex-storage selling price is as under :

Slab for sales Volume in Kl.	% of dealer commission on ex-storage Price of Petrol	% of dealer commission on ex-storage price of Diesel
1—360	2·29	2·76
361—600	1·69	2·06
601—1080	1·49	1·46
Over 1980	1·19	1·26
Other products : (Current)		
SKO	3·84%	

Assam electoral rolls

*10. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the names of Bengali voters in Assam were being systematically struck off the electoral rolls in the recent enrolment of voters in that State ;

(b) whether the Election Commission had inquired into the preparation of voters' list after the Assam accord was reached; and

(c) if so, what are the findings of the Election Commission in re-